

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

59. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Local Government
- (1) Is there a requirement that all local government councils conduct committee meetings that are open to the public?
- (2) If yes, what is that requirement?
- (3) Are there any local government councils that do not comply with the requirement?
- (4) If yes, what councils are they?
- (5) What action can the Minister take if a council does not comply with the necessary requirement?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1)-(2) Under the Local Government Act 1995 all committee meetings to which a Council has delegated a power or function must be open to the public. It is not a requirement that committees without delegated power or function, such as advisory committees, be open to the public.
- (3)-(4) The Minister for Local Government is not aware of any non-compliance.
- (5) Under the Local Government Act 1995, the Minister can direct a Council to comply.